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SUBJECT: CSCE: MPT HIGHLIGHTS - WEEK OF MARCH 26-30

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BEGIN SUMMARY. WORK CONTINUED TO ACCELERATE DURING
WEEK WITH OUTLINE OF AGREEMENT BEGINNING TO EMERGE FOR
INITIAL DRAFT MANDATES ON PRINCIPLES, CONFIDENCE- BUILDING
MEASURES, ECONOMIC- SCIENTIFIC- ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION.
MOST OF EC-9 HAVE MOVED INTO HIGHER GEAR, ALTHOUGH
NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM, WITH AN EYE ON VIENNA,
CONTINUE DELAYING TACTICS. END SUMMARY
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1. PRINCIPLES OF INTERSTATE RELATIONS.

TEMPORARILY BYPASSING ISSUE OF LINK BETWEEN PRINCIPLES OF NON- USE OF FORCE AND INVOLABILITY OF FRONTIERS, GROUP AGREED CONDITIONALLY ON INCLUSION OF ALL PRINCIPLES IN SWISS LIST. NEXT WEEK GROUP WILL AGAIN TAKE UP QUESTIONS OF SOURCES OF PRINCIPLES, EQUAL APPLICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, AND INTERRELATIONSHIP OF PRINCIPLES. ABILITY TO PROGRESS ON THESE MATTERS MAY WELL DEPEND ON WHETHER ITALY AND USSR WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID SLIPPING BACK INTO DEADLOCK OVER LINKAGE ISSUE.

2. MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY

MINI- GROUP PRODUCED COMMON TEXT ON CBM' S WITH THREE BRACKETED PHRASES REFLECTING ROMANIAN INTEREST IN ADDITIONAL CONFIDENCE- BUILDING MEASURES; SOVIET REFUSAL TO NOTIFY MAJOR " MOVEMENTS"; AND YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL TO " RESTRAIN" MANEUVERS. SOVIETS CONTINUE TO JOIN US AND FRANCE IN REJECTING ANY FORMAL MBFR- CSCE LINK AND ADDITIONAL CBM' S, BUT KEEP INTIMATING WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT REFERENCE TO DISARMAMENT, TO SUPPLEMENTARY CHARACTER OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY, AND TO FACT THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL BE FREE IN CSCE TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON SECURITY QUESTIONS.

3. ECONOMIC COOPERATION ISSUES.

FOLLOWING FLURRY OF PROPOSALS FOR BASKET II PROPOSED BY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, SUCCESSIVE MEETINGS OF ALLIES IN GROUPS OF NINE AND FIFTEEN PRODUCED REVISED VERSION NATO MANDATE WHICH WAS CIRCULATED BY BELGIUM MARCH 28. INITIAL WARSAW PACT REACTIONS TO PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON INTRODUCTION WAS, ON THE WHOLE, FAVORABLE, ALTHOUGH THEY OBJECTED SPECIFICALLY TO OMISSION IN BELGIAN TEXT OF REFERENCE TO " PRINCIPLES" OF TRADE (I. E. MFN AND NON- DISCRIMINATION) AND " PROGRAM" OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TO RETENTION OF ORIGINAL BELGIAN LANGUAGE ON " RECIPROCITY AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE." SOVIETS STATED, HOWEVER, THAT WITH BRACKETS AROUND UNAGREED LANGUAGE COMPOSITE TEXTS COULD BE DEVELOPED FROM SOVIET AND BELGIAN DRAFTS WITH ONLY SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS. EC ALLIES, ON OTHER HAND, CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT YET PREPARED TO ACCEPT BRACKETS AS METHOD OF WORK ON THIS BASKET AND ARE URGING FURTHER EFFORT TO FIND AGREED FORMULATIONS. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON MANDATES FOR SUB- COMMITTEES ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT REVEALED WIDE AREA OF AGREEMENT AND OPTIMISM THAT RECONCILIATION OF TABLED TEXTS THESE AREAS WOULD NOT PROVE DIFFICULT. MAJOR AREA OF CONTENTION IN NEXT WEEK' S DISCUSSION WILL BE SUB- COMMITTEE ON TRADE WHERE BULGARIAN PROPOSAL INCLUDES REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES, I. E. MFN, NON- DISCRIMINATION AND EQUALITY OF RIGHTS IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

4. HUMAN CONTACTS.

TO MAINTAIN ALLIED INITIATIVE AND GAIN SUPPORT OF NEUTRALS, DENMARK TABLED SHORTENED VERSION OF WESTERN MANDATE ON HUMAN CONTACTS, CULTURAL COOPERATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION. SOVIETS CIRCULATED A " CHAPEAU" FOR THIS MANDATE REplete WITH CAVEATS. DEBATE WILL CONTINUE IN EARNEST NEXT WEEK.

5. PACE OF WORK AT MPT. IN RESPONSE TO US PRODDING AND IN FACE OF SUBSTANTIAL REMAINING WORK, MOST OTHERS, NOTABLY UK AND FRANCE, RECOGNIZE NEED TO ACCELERATE PACE. THIS MOVE HAS LEFT BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS AND, TO A LESSER DEGREE, ITALY, AS ONLY REMAINING ADVOCATES OF DELAYING TACTICS. OBVIOUSLY THEY SEEKING TO BARGAIN PROGRESS IN CSCE AGAINST MBFR UNCERTAINTIES IN VIENNA.

6. NATO CAUCUS HAS BEEN MEETING WITH EVER- GREATER REGULARITY. IN RECENT DAYS, FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE HAD SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS OF SEPARATE NATO CAUCUSSES ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND HUMAN CONTACTS, WITH FRANCE ATTENDING BOTH.

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